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SUBJECT: FINLAND: REACTION TO AL- ASKARIYA SHRINE BOMBING

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[1](#)1. (SBU) Poloff delivered statements in reftel to the MFA's Middle-East bureau. The Director for Middle-East Affairs said that Finland was playing an active role in intra-EU deliberations on the Al-Askariya shrine bombing, and that she believed an EU statement condemning the attack might be released later today (2/23) or tomorrow; ho